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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Jürgen Dick et al.  
Serial Number: Unassigned  
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Title: **PIEZO ACTUATOR COMPRISING MEANS FOR  
COMPENSATING THERMAL LENGTH  
MODIFICATIONS AND FUEL INJECTION  
VALVE COMPRISING A PIEZO ACTUATOR**

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Dear Sir or Madam:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the initial review of this national stage application referenced above by Jürgen Dick et al., entitled "PIEZO ACTUATOR COMPRISING MEANS FOR COMPENSATING THERMAL LENGTH MODIFICATIONS AND FUEL INJECTION VALVE COMPRISING A PIEZO ACTUATOR" filed July 11, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.